AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of all the bank drugs, required for National Family Welfare Programme, have been decontrolled;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result of the above, prices of all the bulk drugs have risen by over 40 percent which has resulted in consequential increase in the prices of formulations, as well;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for omitting these drugs from the list of drugs required for National Health Programme; and

(d) by when the last of such drugs required for this programme would be communicated to Department of Chemicals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Prices of drugs and formulations are fixed by Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP), Ministry of Industry. Any undue rise in Price will be monitored by Deptt. of Chemicals.

(c) and (d) Drugs for certain National Programmes which do not figure under Category-I yet are being evaluated by the Ministry of Health and will be recommended to the concerned Ministry by September, 1988.

Price control of drugs used under child and Maternal Health Programme

4231. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 311 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs used under Child and Maternal Health Programme which are exclusively used for National Health Programme, among the list of drugs recommended for price control;

(b) what are the names of the drugs which are not exclusively used but have still been included;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are hardly four or five drugs which are exclusively used;

(d) the names of the experts who evolved the criteria of exclusive use;

(e) whether it is a fact that only 1 per cent of the total use of Hydrocortisone is in form of eye ointments and drops; if so, reasons for their inclusion in the list; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that 40 per cent of Framycetin 40 per cent of Polymixin and 25 per cent of Gentamycin and similar position of Betamethasone, Dexamethasone, Dexamethasone is in use for eye preparations; if so, the reasons for which they have been omitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The list of drugs required under Maternal and Child Health Programme is being evaluated for price control recommendations.

(b) to (d) The drugs which have already been included under Price Control are given in Category-I and Category-II of the DPCO.

While some drugs are more or less used for single therapeutic conditions, there are other drugs which can be used in other therapeutic conditions in the same or other dosage forms.

There is no separate panel or experts to decide every criteria separately.

(e) and (f) The market share of a drug vis-a-vis its therapeutic indications is not monitored by Ministry of Health. However, it is one thing for drugs which can be used for opthalmic conditions, it is another thing to identify them under a programme.

Drugs for STD programme and National Family Welfare Programme

4232. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer

to answer to Unstarred Question 1717 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Tetracycline, Streptomycine, Hydrocortisone, Paracetamol Acetazolamide and Quinine are used for purposes other than those for which they have been recommended under National Health Programme;

(b) whether these drugs can be included under the programme; if not, what are the obstacles in including these drugs for STD Programme and National Family Welfare Programme; and

(c) whether it is a fact that no consistent approach has been followed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) A list of drugs required for certain National Programmes which do not yet figure under Category-I under Drug Prices Control Order is being prepared by the Ministry of Health for sending to the concerned Ministry. The list is not yet finalised.

Purchase of Air Bus 320

4233. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state what was the number of aircraft contracted to be supplied by the Air Bus industries for the interim period pending supply of all the Air But-320 aircrafts to India under agreement signed with it, the number of aircrafts actually supplied so far, the reasons of non-fulfilment of the agreement and what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): According to the purchase Agreement signed by Indian Airlines with M/s. Airbus Industrie, the manufacturer of A-320 aircraft, for the purchase of 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft the number of aircraft to be leased by Indian Airlines is to be mutually decided upon between them depending upon the requirements from time to time. M/s. Airbus Industrie has leased two Airbus A-300 and two B-737 aircraft in the year 1986, out of which one Airbus A-300 was lost in an accident at Madras in September, 1986. Indian Airlines could not induct any leased aircraft during 1987-88. Government have already given approval to Indian Airlines for leasing 5 B-737 aircraft. Efforts are in progress by Indian Airlines to acquire on lease B-737 aircraft through M/s. Airbus Industrie.

Blue Sky Technology in Railways

4234. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the details of the plans of the Railways for forays into Blue sky technology?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): Indian Railways' Technology Development Plan envisages examining the feasibility of development of capacity for absorbing futuristic technologies in the areas of futuristic bogie, self-stabilising track structure, linear propulsion motor and remote sensing and control through satellite.

Recurrence of affliction symptom of Poisonous gas leakage from Union Carbide

4235. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the disclosure made by the Madhya Pradesh Government that in many cases, the symptoms of affliction due to poisonous gas leakage from the Union Carbide Factory in 1984, have recurred;

(b) whether Government have obtained any report in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and